

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of September 13, 2001

Present: Robert O'Brien, member John Goetz, member
 Kathleen Fejes, member Orestes Kaltsounis, member
 Jeff Stewart, member Doug Bordas, member
 Stu Alderman, staff Jeff Biegler, staff
 Carol K. Anderson, staff

Absent: Gary Hauff, Tom Krent

Visitors: Tom Berti, Bob Kelly, Carl Simmons, John Grezlak, Ann Blizzard

A tour of the Community Center construction site was the first order of business while there was still daylight. Mr. John Grezlak, the site manager and Stuart Alderman conducted the tour explaining where each room would be.

A motion by Kathleen Fejes, supported by John Goetz, that the minutes of May 10, 2001 and June 14, 2001 be approved as submitted.

Ayes: All Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Input – Carl Simmons, one of the Senior Gardeners, would like the fence around the gardens repaired as deer are eating the vegetation. He would also like for City personnel to trap the woodchucks, which are also a problem for the gardeners.
- B. Troy Baseball Boosters – President Bob Kelly explained that TBB is an all volunteer, non-profit, community based organization with approximately 1100 players on 90 teams ranging from ages 7 to a Senior league. TBB has 12 board members with a \$110 K budget and is audited annually by 3 trustees. They are strongly interested in being involved in upcoming field construction projects, upgrades to existing fields and new facilities.
- C. Ann Blizzard – Recreation Supervisor. Ms. Blizzard started working for the City on June 4 and is responsible for the Aquatic Center and the indoor pools when construction is complete. She came to us from Lapeer where she was the Assistant Director. She has a business degree from Sienna Heights College and is excited about the opportunities in the department.

OLD BUSINESS**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

- A. Cemetery Upgrades – A retaining wall at Perrin cemetery will be built before new fencing is installed. The retaining wall is needed because of road construction.

Locations and headstones at Beach Rd. cemetery are unknown so a boulder style marker listing the names of those buried will be placed near the entrance.

- B. Park Development – The Lacrosse field at Boulan Park will be seeded in the next couple of weeks. Irrigation will be installed in the spring making the field ready for use by fall 2002.

Cricket Field – Staff has met with the Oakland County Drain Commission staff at the Nelson Drain site to seek the use of that property as a Cricket field. It is on the agenda of the Drain Commission's next meeting for approval. Fencing is planned for the practice pitch site on Garry St.

Skatepark – City Council will decide in the near future if the site next to the Community Center can be used as a skatepark. Meetings with area teenagers have occurred to get input as to what they would like to have in the skatepark. Plans will proceed after a site is approved.

Nature Center – The opening date has been pushed back until after the first of the year.

Swing Sets – Seven parks have swingsets installed – Beach, Boulan, Beaver Trail, Brinston, Firefighters, Jaycee and Redwood. Installation of swingsets at Robbinwood and Raintree is planned for this fall.

- C. Sylvan Glen Masterplan – A Masterplan is being developed to address course problems at Sylvan Glen (slow play, back to back par 3's). Two plans will be developed – one using the lake and one without the lake.
- D. Section 1 Golf Course – Staff and the developer met with area residents of the new Golf Course. Residents expressed concerns about the course and the gas vents. Staff and the developer will take steps to alleviate the concerns.
- E. Park Names – A press release was sent to the media requesting ideas for the names of parks. It was suggested that all parcels be acquired before considering or recommending names to Council.

VII.

Member Comments – Mr. Kaltsounis wants to recommend to TYSL that they come up with a budget within a year because they have preference to use our soccer fields. He also wants to be able to use a field. It was explained that the current policy states that 75% of a team must be residents to obtain a field permit. Discussion took place about the policy and the current usage. There are many requests for fields by teams qualifying for use as well as teams denied permits because they do not qualify. Staff will provide a fall field usage schedule at the next meeting.

VIII. Staff Reports

Directors Report – The Veterans Memorial will be dedicated on October 6 and the Corporate Head will be placed within a month to six weeks.

A motion by John Goetz, supported by Kathleen Fejes, to excuse absent members.

Ayes: All Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Peltier